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Weekly Update

ERF In the ERF this week, the children have loved exploring all things Halloween-y! We have painted our own pumpkins, explored with slimy oobleck, created potions for the witches and have detangled the spiders from their webs. Most excitingly, our ERF provision has had a halloween-y transformation and has been taken over with pumpkins, spider webs, spiders, do not enter tape and fun, dangly decorations. Make sure to check out our school Facebook page to see pictures of our spooky week at school!

Nursery In Cherry class this week we have loved exploring the story of Room on the Broom. We have made our own spells, dressed up, learnt about rhyming words and had a go at flying on pretend broomsticks!

EYFS The children have had a lovely last week of term, finishing with our Room on the Broom party! They thoroughly enjoyed celebrating together, taking part in lots of fun activities and getting into the spirit of the story. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception and hope everyone has a lovely, well deserved half term break.

Year 1 This week Pear class have been revisiting their science topic based around the changing Seasons. We have looked at the data from our daily temperature readings and discovered that it has been getting gradually colder over the past 7 weeks. We have also started recording the different types of weather that we see each day. We will continue with our data collection throughout the year. Have a great half term break everyone.

Year 2 This week, Apple Class used globes and atlases to locate the five oceans and seven continents. We sang songs to help us remember them, learned about the equator and the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, and then used our atlas skills to play Globle and identify a mystery country.

Year 3 Year 3 have enjoyed comparing the physical and human features of Derby and San Francisco in Geography this term, developing their understanding of different places around the world.

Year 4 Fir class have enjoyed reading Ug - Boy Genius of the Stone Age and his entertaining quest to find soft trousers. There were some outstanding performances of Ug's mum getting more and more frustrated with her son's inventions in our reading lessons.

Year 5 In our MyHappyMind session this week, the children learned about the impact the hormone cortisol can have in not allowing them to think straight. The children practised their slow deep breathing and thought about scenarios when this calming strategy could help them.

Year 6 This week the children in year 6 have been working on some French that could be used in a town. If you'd like them to give you directions to local pharmacy, just ask.

Mrs Bartlett's Box

And so we reach the end of the first half term! As always, we have jam-packed the term with great learning (engaging stories, brilliant art, OPAL, map work, hatching chicks in science...) and all sorts of fun activities (Magna trip, author visits, pumpkin decorating, working at height, themed days...the list goes on!) The children have responded brilliantly and continued to work towards being their Borrow Wood BEST! I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2nd November.



Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher

Social Media

Don't forget to follow Borrow Wood Primary School on Facebook and Instagram. We try and post daily and it is a lovely way to see what everyone has been up to in school.

Parent Survey

For anyone who may have missed the QR code on parents' evening (although I'm not sure how you would have with our Teaching Assistants on the case!), please find attached the link to our parents survey. We are always interested in your views so please share your thoughts. Parent Survey Autumn 26/27 – Fill out form

The Nest update

Starting Monday 2nd November, we are introducing a 3.30-4.30 charge this will be **£5.00 per session** which includes a drink and snack.

If you need to make any changes to current bookings, please email thenest@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk

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Friends of Borrow Wood



Arrears

Please could all arrears be cleared including dinner money and The Nest payments. If you have any issues making payment, please let the school office know.

Tuck Shop

Something exciting is coming to Borrow Wood! After half term, we will be starting a Friday tuck shop! This will be a way to fundraise for school and also just allow for a Friday fun treat! We will be selling sweets, chocolate, crisps and drinks. All items will be 50p and it will be one item per child each week. We would appreciate exact change, particularly for the first few weeks as we build up our float.





Bonfire night Menu Thursday 5th November



Main

Hot Dog Pork Sausages

or

Hot Dog Veggie Sausages

or

Jacket Potato with filling

Cheese, Beans, Cheese & Beans or Tuna

Dessert

Flapjack

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurt

There will be NO sandwich or Pasta Dish on this day!

Special Dietary requirements will be catered for.

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Menu week commencing 2nd November 2026

WEEK 2	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Chicken tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potato and gravy	Please see Bonfire Night menu on previous page 	Crispy battered fish & With Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	BBQ Bean & Cheese wrap with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Lasagne with herby dough balls	Quorn Fillet with mashed Potato		Vegetable Fingers With chunky chips
Pasta of the day	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Cheesy pasta	Chicken pasta		Tomato and basil pasta
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Brocolli ..... Salad Bar	Peas & Colslaw ..... Salad Bar	Carrots & Cauliflower ..... Salad Bar		Peas and Baked Beans ..... Salad Bar
Desserts	Jelly	Chocolate Muffin with Custard	Pancakes & Orange Wedges		Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts		Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection		Jacket potato and sandwich selection

Calander dates Autumn 1

8th September Year 6 height and weight
29th September Year 6 Magna trip
8th October Flu vaccinations
9th October PTA Reception/KS1 disco
16th October PTA KS2 disco
14th & 21st October Parents evening

Calander date Autumn 2

3rd November Maths workshop
w/c 2nd, 9th & 16th November Swimming
13th November Children in Need
23rd November Individual Photographs
26th November Wear what you want day
4th December Christmas Fair
9th December Rocksteady concert
14th & 15th December KS1 Nativity

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027 TERM DATES

Autumn term

Friday 4th September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term

Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027 to Friday 26th March 2027

Summer term

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027 to Monday 26th July 2027

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September
Friday 27th November
Friday 12th February
Monday 26th July

Our Community









Please see the attachments on the original email for more information.